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Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reaffirmed the decision made at its twenty-fourth session that the post of its Chairman, as well as the other posts on the Bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups in the following pattern of rotation: (a) Group of African States; (b) Group of Eastern European States; (c) Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; (d) Group of Western European and Other States; and (e) Group of Asian States.

At its forty-sixth session, the Committee may wish to elect the Chairman from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States in accordance with the agreed pattern of rotation for the post of Chairman, and the Rapporteur from the regional group that occupied the post of Chairman the previous year, namely, the Group of Eastern European States.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50, the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its forty-sixth session, together with the list of documentation requested.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267, the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Council and the Assembly. The Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as contained in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit.

In that connection, the Committee will select, at its organizational meeting, under agenda item 2, the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit that it will consider at its forty-sixth session under agenda item 5.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 53/207 and 54/236 and decision 54/474, attention is drawn to Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2000/8, containing the approved Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation for the session (E/AC.51/2006/L.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2006/L.2)

3. Programme questions

(a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2004-2005

Regulation 6.1 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation provides that:

> The Secretary-General shall monitor accomplishments through the delivery of outputs scheduled in the approved programme budget through a central unit in the Secretariat. After the completion of the biennial budget period, the Secretary-General shall report to the General Assembly, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination, on programme performance during that period.

In paragraphs 19 and 30 of its resolution 58/269, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change", the General Assembly emphasized the need to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation system and, in that regard urged the Secretary-General to improve the format and timing of programme performance and evaluation reports. It requested the Secretary-General to ensure that resources were clearly identified in all the sections of the proposed programme budget for the performance of the monitoring and evaluation functions.

In its resolution 59/275, the General Assembly, in endorsing the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, decided that the relevant programme of the proposed strategic framework would be considered in conjunction with the corresponding section of the programme performance report. Since the programme performance report reflects a period of two bienniums prior to that covered by the proposed strategic framework, the Assembly also decided that the Secretariat would formally present updated information on the relevant parts of the programme performance report on the understanding that such updated information would also be considered. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that future programme performance reports would provide more detailed information on the reasons for less than full implementation of programmed outputs, or the postponement and termination thereof.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/61/64)

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009

In its resolution 58/269, the General Assembly affirmed that the strategic framework would constitute the principal policy directive of the United Nations and serve as the basis for programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation.

In paragraph 5 of its resolution 59/275, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare and propose a plan outline, reflecting the longer-term objectives of the Organization, and a biennial programme plan in the context of the strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009, based, inter alia, on the following principal criteria:

(a) The longer-term objectives consistent with all the relevant legislative mandates in all areas of the activities of the United Nations;

(b) Outcomes of the intergovernmental conferences and summits;

(c) Inputs from relevant programme managers;

(d) Use of intergovernmentally agreed terms and expressions.

In paragraph 3 of its resolution 60/246, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee, set out in paragraph 111 of its report,[1] that the Secretary-General be requested to submit proposals to the General Assembly, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, on expanding the results-based logical framework to the executive direction and management components in the remaining sections of the programme budget, where relevant, with a view to enhancing managerial responsibility for programme implementation.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009; part A, plan outline, and part B, biennial programme plan (A/61/6, prog. 1-27)

(c) Revised estimates relating to the 2005 World Summit Outcome

In paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 60/246, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee as contained in paragraphs 61, 67 and 106 to 122 of its report[1] and noted that consideration of the programme narratives contained in the revised estimates would follow consideration thereof by the Committee no later than September 2006.

Documentation

Programme narratives of the revised estimates relating to the 2005 World Summit Outcome as contained in A/60/537

(d) Evaluation

Strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives

In accordance with regulation 7.4 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the Committee will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the evaluation role and the application of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives. In this regard, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the relevant sections of General Assembly resolutions 36/228 B, 37/234, 38/227 A and B, 42/215, 43/219, 44/194, 45/253, 55/234, 57/282 and 59/275.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 16* and corrigendum (A/60/16 and Corr.1).

In paragraph 9 of its resolution 60/257, the General Assembly encouraged intergovernmental bodies to make use of the findings of the programme performance report of the Secretary-General and evaluation reports for planning and policymaking.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives

Thematic evaluation

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 60/257, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the Committee in paragraph 186 of its report[1] that the next thematic evaluation by the Office of Internal Oversight Services be on the subject "Knowledge management networks in the pursuit of the goals of the Millennium Declaration".

In its resolution 58/268, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that the usefulness of the pilot thematic evaluation be reviewed by the Committee at its forty-sixth session.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the thematic evaluation of knowledge management networks in the pursuit of the goals of the Millennium Declaration (E/AC.51/2006/2)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the usefulness of the pilot thematic evaluation (E/AC.51/2006/3)

In-depth evaluation

By its resolution 57/282, the General Assembly decided that the Office of Internal Oversight Services should undertake an in-depth evaluation of political affairs, to be submitted to the Committee at its forty-sixth session.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on an in-depth evaluation of political affairs (E/AC.51/2006/4)

Triennial review

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/268, the Committee, at its forty-sixth session, will undertake a triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-third session on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on the law of the sea and ocean affairs.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and

Coordination at its forty-third session on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on the law of the sea and ocean affairs (E/AC.51/2006/5)

4. Coordination questions

(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2005/06.

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 60/257, the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-fifth session[1] regarding the annual overview report of CEB for 2004/05.

In paragraph 202 of its report, the Committee requested CEB to ensure that support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) remained a priority of the United Nations system. It encouraged CEB member organizations to further align their priorities with those of NEPAD and to scale up their efforts in support of it. The Committee requested CEB to provide an update on its further efforts to ensure effective and coordinated system-wide support for NEPAD in its next annual overview report.

In paragraph 203 of its report, the Committee underscored the importance of effective coordination of system-wide efforts against hunger. It took note of the information on existing inter-agency mechanisms to coordinate the fight against hunger and poverty and recommended that CEB include in its next annual overview report information on the obstacles, problems and needs encountered by the inter-agency mechanisms. The Committee also invited CEB to continue to monitor the effective coordination of system-wide efforts against hunger and poverty.

In paragraph 205 of its report, the Committee recommended that the transfer of assets of illicit origin and the return of such assets to the countries of origin, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 59/242, be added to the list of specific areas identified for joint work in the report.

In paragraph 208 of its report, the Committee recalled its terms of reference and its role as the main subsidiary body of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination and further recognized that it should reflect on its reporting on the CEB annual overview report to ensure that it provides inputs and recommendations that strengthen the coordination role of the Council. The Committee also invited the Assembly and the Council to give due consideration to its recommendations on coordination.

In paragraph 209 of its report, the Committee recognized that in its future consideration of CEB reports, it should give more attention to the programmatic aspects of the report. The Committee thus invited CEB to expand its reporting on those aspects.

In paragraph 210 of its report, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that CEB, in developing common approaches to address the changing relationship between regular and voluntary funding in the various participating organizations of CEB, continues to focus, inter alia, on measures to ensure that programme delivery corresponds to legislative

mandates and that the impact of the changing relationship between regular and voluntary funding on management and programmes is brought to the attention of the relevant legislative bodies.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2005/06

(b) **New Partnership for Africa's Development**

In its resolution 60/257, the Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee on the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

In paragraph 231 of its report,[1] the Committee called upon the various components of the United Nations system to make greater efforts to work together to provide focused and coordinated support to NEPAD. In that regard, the Committee recalled General Assembly resolution 59/254, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to take measures to strengthen the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa in order to enable it to effectively fulfil its mandate and to coordinate resource and capacity mobilization, institutional support and advocacy to enhance a coordinated and integrated response to the challenges facing Africa. In paragraph 232, the Committee recommended that the Economic Commission for Africa and United Nations country offices be utilized more actively for the advocacy of NEPAD programmes to ensure broader understanding of and participation in the programmes by those who would benefit from them.

In paragraph 237 of its report, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to report to the Committee at its forty-sixth session, and annually thereafter, on the progress, including problems, obstacles and challenges, as well as the goals of the United Nations system to be achieved in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/AC.51/2006/6)

5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

Under agenda item 5, the Committee will consider the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit selected by the Committee during its organizational meeting, on 17 May 2006.

In its resolution 59/267, the General Assembly reaffirmed paragraph 2 of article 11 of the statute of the Unit and requested that the Unit, as a whole, also take responsibility in the exercise of its collective wisdom with regard to all its reports, notes and recommendations, in order to improve the effectiveness of the Unit. The Assembly decided that the Unit should perform its functions and responsibilities strictly in accordance with the provisions of its statute. The Assembly also decided that the programme of work of the Unit should be collectively approved, providing the rationale for choice as well as the relevance of the envisaged outcome to

improving management and methods and promoting greater coordination between organizations.

The General Assembly decided further that the Unit should mainly focus on identifying means to improve management and to ensure that optimum use was made of available resources, as stipulated in paragraphs 1 to 3 of article 5 of the statute, and that to this end the Unit would set out management criteria and methods for assessment of management performance and effectiveness relevant to participating organizations. The Assembly stipulated that the Unit should include in its annual reports information on implementation and the results achieved by organizations in respect of their follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit as endorsed by their legislative bodies, and the arrangements put in place by participating organizations for reporting thereon. The Assembly decided that, as part of its focus on management issues, the Unit should also assess in its relevant reports the development and application of the principle of accountability in participating organizations.

In its resolution 60/257, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee contained in paragraph 248 of its report.[1] The Assembly endorsed the benchmarking framework proposed by the Unit as a tool for the Secretary-General, for the oversight bodies and for itself to measure the progress towards an effective implementation of results-based management in the United Nations.[2] The Assembly made a number of requests to the Secretary-General, as Chairman of CEB, relating to the harmonization and endorsement of the benchmarking framework and with regard to accountability and performance management and training.

Documentation

Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit (see E/AC.51/2006/L.2)

6. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate

The Committee has been considering the item entitled "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate" annually since its thirty-eighth session. At its forty-fifth session, the Committee held nine rounds of informal consultations and a number of "informal informal" consultations to consider proposals that had been forwarded during informal consultations.

It will be recalled that in its resolution 57/282 the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to observe its methods of governing the drafting and format of its reports and encouraged the Committee to continue its discussions on improving its working methods and procedures within the framework of its mandate, with a view to further enhancing its effectiveness and continued relevance.

In paragraph 33 of its resolution 57/300, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change", the General Assembly reaffirmed the roles

[2] See A/59/607, A/59/617 and Add.1, A/59/631 and A/59/632.

of the Fifth Committee, the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the intergovernmental consideration of the planning, programming and budgeting process. It also invited the Committee for Programme and Coordination to continue to improve its working methods.

In its resolution 59/275, the Assembly recalled paragraph 18 of its resolution 58/269, in which it had invited the Committee to submit, at its forty-fourth session, recommendations on improving its working methods. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to schedule the organizational session of the forty-fifth session of the Committee as soon as possible at the resumed session of the Fifth Committee at the fifty-ninth session and welcomed the decision of the Committee to revert to the agenda item entitled "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate", as a matter of priority, at the beginning of its forty-fifth session.

In paragraph 19 of its resolution 60/257, the General Assembly noted with concern that no conclusions or recommendations had been agreed to on improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee during its forty-fifth session, and emphasized the need for the Committee, within the framework of its mandate, to improve its working methods and procedures without having a negative impact on the effective consideration of other agenda items, in particular the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009, as matters of priority, during its forty-sixth session.

7. Provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Committee to consider those documents, their contribution to its work, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-seventh session of the Committee (E/AC.51/2006/L.3)

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-sixth session

The report of the Committee on its forty-sixth session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2006 and to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Committee on the work of its forty-sixth session (E/AC.51/2006/L.4 and addenda)

Annex

Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for 2006*

	Term expires on 31 December
Algeria	2007
Argentina	2008
Armenia	2008
Bahamas	2006
Belarus	2008
Benin	2008
Brazil	2008
Bulgaria	2008
Central African Republic	2008
China	2007
Comoros	2006
Cuba	2008
France	2006
Ghana	2007
India	2008
Indonesia	2008
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2008
Israel	2008
Italy	2008
Jamaica	2007
Japan	2007
Kenya	2007
Mexico	2006
Pakistan	2008
Portugal	2008
Republic of Korea	2007
Russian Federation	2006
Senegal	2008
South Africa	2008
Switzerland	2008
United States of America	2006
Uruguay	2008
Zimbabwe	2006

* One seat from the Group of Western European and Other States remains to be filled.